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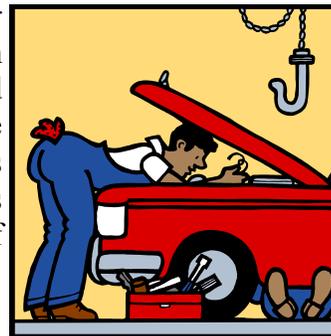
Monthly Tech Session Scheduled for April 26, 2003

Get your car out of Storage!!

Come to *Midwest Motor Sports* in beautiful Sauk Rapids, Minnesota Saturday, April 26th, 2003.

Dan Iberg, owner of *Midwest Motor Sports*, invites you to get ready for the summer driving season. He will have 4 hoists open for oil changes, inspections, etc. Dan promises a snow free day, unlike last year.

We will discuss what to watch out for to provide you with trouble free (?) motoring this season. Bring your own parts if you wish or get them from Dan. The session will start at 10 am and lunch will be served at Noon. You will be asked to donate \$5.00 (maybe less) towards the lunch. We will stay until everyone is done. Questions? Contact Dan or his staff at 320-251-0676. See YOU there!



Directions to *Midwest Motor Sports*:

Take highway 10 north to St. Cloud. Take the first Sauk Rapids exit (Benton Drive). Turn left onto Benton Drive. Turn left at the 3rd stoplight. Cross the railroad tracks. Turn left before the bridge. *Midwest Motor Sports* is behind the Checker Auto Parts store.

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The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey

At one time I had a goal to be a great procrastinator, but I never got around to it. As Mark Twain said, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow."

It's easy to put things off, especially in today's world. A manager gave an assignment to his secretary one afternoon. When she told him that she didn't see how she could get it done that day and asked if tomorrow would be okay, he replied, "No, tomorrow won't be okay! If I'd wanted it tomorrow, I'd have given it to you tomorrow."

Last fall we read in the Gazette that the engine oil should really be changed *before* we store the car for the winter. We all did that, right? Then there's the

washing and waxing as soon as we pull it out in the spring, tightening various nuts and bolts, and any number of other "pre-driving" jobs to do. Naturally, we do all of them before driving the car. I just won't say if it's the first drive of the year or not.

There are also a few things you might want to consider before the "real" driving begins. Many MG owners notice that their engines run a little warmer than perhaps they should. I was looking through some old newsletters and saw John Eaton's article on just that in the April, 1994 issue. John talked about a brand new product called, "Water Wetter," sold by Moss Motors to help keep the temperature down. John also reminded us that good airflow is

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of the utmost importance. Driving with the wind doesn't keep the engine as cool as driving into the wind. After reading that, I remember spending the next few weeks planning my routes according to the wind patterns and then backing up, all the way home. Certainly, a summer thermostat can help out as well.

As members of the MMGG, there are some things we should be doing right about now. It would really help the treasury if more people would sign up to get the newsletter by email. About 40 of us are getting the news earlier and in color. It's really convenient to send a copy to work so I can check it occasionally for upcoming events, and so on. Just email Jon Masley at jdmasley@mmm.com to start getting the Gazette delivered by email.

Another thing that needs doing is paying our dues. The bylaws prescribe that the newsletter won't be sent out to anyone if they haven't paid their dues by the end of May. Sure, that's a few days off, but forgetting it altogether could mean missing a super event. Why take the chance? I noticed that the dues in 1988 were \$20. The club certainly has managed to do a lot with very little increase to the members.

Mark your calendar for the next tech session. It will be April 26, at Midwest Motor Sports. Last year we all had a great time, despite the snow. Please contact Dan Iberg at 320-252-0598 or [www.danielmms@aol.com](mailto:danielmms@aol.com) to let him know you're coming. Just to make it a notable event, try loosening your brake lines before starting out. It will give Dan and the men in the shop something to do.

Well, I think that's all the wisdom I've got this month so pay your dues, sign up to get the newsletter by email, and we'll see you at Midwest Motor Sports!

Alan

Holiday Party Thank You

Submitted by MMGG Member Sharon Kelsey

Prize contributions for our MG Bucks Auction and Holiday Party held January 4, 2003 were received from:

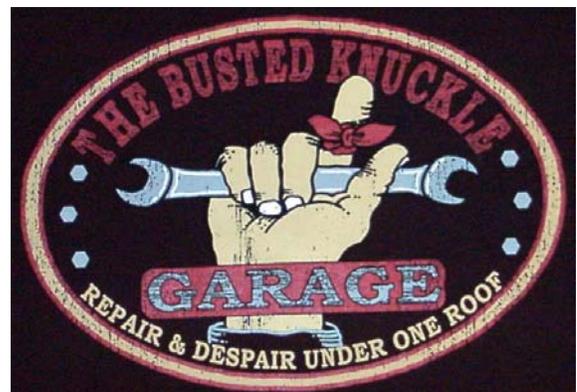
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I apologize if we have missed acknowledging any contribution.

We want to thank all of our contributors for their generosity. Please show your appreciation by patronizing these businesses.

Sincerely, your 2004 Holiday Party Hosts:

Alan and Sharon Kelsey and Simon and Lorna Bosworth.



Spring Kick Off Brunch Held March 15, 2003—OPA!

Submitted by MMGG Member Jon Masley

The spring kick-off brunch was held March 15th at Santorini's Greek Taverna & Grill in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. What a wonderful time with over 50 club members in attendance. Below are some of the smiling faces of very well fed MMGG members. Our brunch had a wonderful Greek touch and I heard many wonderful comments on the food. Even better than the food, of course, were the people. Everyone getting excited about the driving season. Don't forget the tech session at Midwest Motor Sports this month. A great time to prep your car (and eat some more). See YOU there!



May Vintage Race in Brainerd

VSCR Invites Car Clubs to the 2003 Donnybrooke Vintage Revival

Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) invites all vintage car enthusiasts to the Donnybrooke Vintage Revival at the historic Donnybrooke International Raceway (now Brainerd International Raceway) in Brainerd, Minnesota on May 16-18. Along with vintage racing, there will be track tours available (at moderate speed). The North Star BMW Car Club's performance driving school will be at the track as well (www.northstarbmw.org). Camping is available at the track Friday and Saturday nights, and those attending are welcome to join us for our traditional post-race party on Saturday. For more information see the VSCR web site at www.vscr.org or call Rich and Liz Stadther at (651) 698-1981.

VSCR will also host on-track events at the Minnesota Highway Safety Center near St. Cloud the second Saturday of the month starting in May. These are not races, but offer a safe environment for those wishing to drive on a track. Get a taste of driving a road course, improve your driving skills or test your sports car. Entrants need a helmet and seat belt, plus a rollbar for open cars. You needn't be a vintage racer to join the fun! Instruction is available for newcomers. Check out the web site for more details, or call Bill Groschen at 952-746-8880.

VSCR is a group whose interests are in spirited racing and the preservation of vintage and historic sports and race cars. We race for fun and for camaraderie, not for trophies and championships.

Editors Note: The flyer is not in this issue of the Minnesota MG Group Gazette-please get the flyer of the VSCR website.

"Honey, I've had a little accident."



"No, I haven't called the police yet...."

"....I'm not sure that I have to."

Don't Be Blinded By The Night

For most, driving at night is more demanding and stressful than driving during the day. Many drivers suffer from night myopia, a condition in which the eyes have a more difficult time seeing clearly. But despite less-than-perfect vision, you can still drive safely at night. Here are a few tips:

Keep your windshield clean, both inside and outside. Dirty windshields can create halos and reflections around lights and headlights, making it more difficult to see accurately.

Avoid the effects of the glare of oncoming headlights by concentrating on the nearside curb. Don't forget to slow down as you do this.

Some evidence has shown that tinted lenses and windshields do not help improve your vision on the road. They may actually make your vision worse. If you want glare protection, wear glasses that have anti-reflection coating.

From the Eyecare Trust website

Join us on July 26, 2003 for Rally in the Valley

The morning of July 26th, 2003 Rae Mars and Wayne Soderbeck will organize a caravan at the Hudson House in Hudson, WI. The group will depart at 9:00 am en route to the Legendary Leinenkugel Brewery in Chippewa Falls WI.

At the Leinenkugel Brewery we will be handing out packets to explain the day's events, which include the following:

- 1.) Tour at Legendary Leinenkugel Brewery-
First Tour starts at 10:30am, if you are interested in going on the tour it is about 20 minutes long. They take 15-20 people at a time and there is a gift shop with hospitality bar to spend time in while you wait.
- 2.) Poker Run –
All participants start at the Leinenkugel Brewery. Each vehicle will be given instructions with various destination points and a handful of questions to answer along the way. It's the job of the navigator to not get them lost.
- 3.) Lunch-
The “Cabin Restaurant” will be expecting us to start rolling in around 12:30 for lunch. This quaint restaurant has great hamburgers, sandwiches, salads, pizza & pie to satisfy any appetite. While you wait for your food you can look at the many antiques & gifts for sale in the restaurant. We will be ordering off the menu.
(Don't forget to get your poker card while your there!)
- 4.) Dinner –
This is the final destination; turn in your poker hand along with the bonus point's questionnaire. The “East Bay Restaurant & Dam Bar” has delicious food and a great atmosphere. You can walk outside onto the deck and enjoy the view of the lake, or sit inside the air-conditioned bar and dining area. Kick back, get yourself a cold one and relax! Prizes will be awarded after dinner. (The Prime Rib & Crab Buffet is \$15.95, or order off the menu)
Sneak preview on the web www.eastbay-dambar.com
- 5.) Lodging –
Join us at the AmericInn Motel in Chippewa Falls (715-723-5711). There will be a gathering in the parking area amongst our cars for Natter 'n' Noggin. (We will supply free soft drinks)
Alternative Lodging: Country Inn & Suites (715-720-1414)-Park Inn (715-723-2281)-Indianhead Motel (715-723-9171)

Check out the Web Site for “Rally in the Valley” at:
<http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com/guests/ritv/ritv2003.html>

Rally in the Valley Registration Form 2003

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY AND ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CAR: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 (Includes: Poker Rally, one "Rally In the Valley" Polo Shirt and Natter 'n' Noggin)

Circle size for Polo-Shirt: 2XLG XLG LG MED SM (2XL add \$4.00)

Extra Shirt \$18.50ea. Circle size for Shirt: XLG LG MED SM

Total (Make Checks payable to Diane Rindt)

Registration Form must be postmark no later than June 26th.

Send Registration Form to:

**Diane Rindt
4271 North Shore Drive
Eau Claire WI, 54703**

For questions or more info –

Contact Steve & Diane Rindt – (sdrindt@msn.com) or call (715-832-8316)

If you're spending the night

Make your reservations by June 26th @

The AmericInn Motel in Chippewa Falls, WI (715-723-5711).

Tell them you're with the MMGG for the special room rate of \$89.10.

*Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club
presents the*

13TH ANNUAL LAKE SUPERIOR VINTAGE SPORTS CAR RENDEZVOUS

In 1991, Thunder Bay was host to the beginning of the now traditional vintage sports car "Rendezvous". We look forward to your return "**BACK TO THE BAY**".

The Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club invites you to a weekend of sports car fun and games. Enjoy driving and social events and renew acquaintances from years past.

Join us in Thunder Bay, *Superior by Nature*.

Check our website for updates www.tbvscc.ca

**June 5 Registration and an evening of *vintage* hospitality
Relax, socialize and chose your Friday tours**

Tour the Giant Take a drive on the legendary "Giant". About a 60-minute drive some sightseeing and a lunch stop. Back in time for the slalom.

Russ Wanzak Tour Visit the largest private collection of vehicles in the region. A scenic drive to Russ' (about 45-minutes) followed by lunch at the Founder's Museum. Back in time for the slalom.

Founder's Museum Tour Just up the road from the motel (5 minutes) visit this early 1900's village. Very hands on and a one man collection including historical buildings moved to the site. Lunch will be here for this tour and the Wanzuk Tour. Done in time for the slalom

**June 6 Tours begin at 9:30 a.m.
Slalom begins at 2:00 p.m.
Registration opens at 3:00 p.m.
Hospitality reception 7:00 p.m.**

**June 7 Pre rally Buffet Breakfast
Rally begins with first car out at 9:30 a.m.
Lunch (rally will end in the Intercity area lots of shopping & restaurants)
Show and Shine at NorWester Hotel
Banquet at NorWester Hotel**

June 8 Continental Breakfast

Goodbye Adios Au Revoir

Detailed weekend schedule provided with your registration confirmation letter

Back To The Bay

13th Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous June 5 - 8, 2003 Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

NAME (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
 PROV/STATE _____ ZIP OR PC _____ HOME PHONE _____
 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME _____
 CHILDREN'S NAMES _____
 VEHICLES TO BE REGISTERED _____

Please indicate in which events you plan to participate

FRIDAY TOURS ___ RALLY ___ SHOW & SHINE ___ SKILL-DRIVING EVENT ___

BASIC REGISTRATION INCLUDES ONE VEHICLE, TWO ADULTS, AND ALL CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEET & GREET, RALLY, SHOW & SHINE, AND SKILL-DRIVING EVENT. ALSO INCLUDES ONE FREE COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT

**REGISTER BY MAY 1 & QUALIFY FOR THE EARLY BIRD DRAW
(ONE FREE NIGHT AT THE HOST HOTEL)**

BASIC REGISTRATION	BY MAY 1	\$35.00	AFTER MAY 1	\$45.00	_____
ADDITIONAL VEHICLE	\$ 5.00	PER VEHICLE			_____
BANQUET	\$28.00	PER PERSON			_____
	\$10.00	PER CHILD (12 & UNDER)			_____
BUFFET BREAKFAST (SAT ONLY)	\$10.00				_____
T-SHIRTS	SM _____ MED _____ LRG _____ X-LRG _____				_____
	XX-LRG _____	\$15.00	PER SHIRT		_____
	TOTAL IN CANADIAN FUNDS				_____

DON'T FORGET YOU GET ONE FREE T-SHIRT

IF PAYING IN US FUNDS, MULTIPLY CANADIAN TOTAL BY .7 TO GET US TOTAL

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO "TBVSCC" AND SEND WITH COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:

THUNDER BAY VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB
 c/o ROGER RICKARDS
 2112 FREEMAN DRIVE
 THUNDER BAY, ON P7K 1H3
 CANADA

CANCELLATIONS BEFORE MAY 1ST ARE SUBJECT TO A \$10.00 CANCELLATION FEE. **NO REFUNDS ON OR AFTER MAY 1ST.**
 THE CLUB WILL FORWARD YOUR REGISTRATION PACKAGE TO THOSE WHO PAID THE FULL REGISTRATION FEE BUT WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

QUESTIONS

Call/email Roger @ (807) 473 4882 miniowner@shaw.ca
 Visit our web site at www.tbvsc.ca or email to info@tbvsc.ca

Please call the Best Western Nor'Wester Hotel toll free at (888 473 2378) and mention the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club event to make reservations. The special event room rate of \$89.00 (CAN) per night and room availability is guaranteed until **May 8, 2003**. Rooms are also available in the Willows Annex for \$59.00 (CAN) per night.

NAMGBR CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS

Join us in the center of America as the MG Club of St. Louis hosts the International [NAMGBR](#) Convention.

If you thought that St. Louis' MG '93 was an incredible event...well, we had ten years to pull together MG 2003, and plan to top the success of our last international show.

The Show Venue will be across from beautiful [Creve Coeur Lake](#) - on grass - with lake breezes and trees to keep us cool. There will be tours and fun rallies, vendors, educational seminars, plus our nationally-famous Endurance Rallye to test your skills.

The Host Hotel - [The Sheraton Westport Inn](#) - is located in a shopping and entertainment complex, off Interstate 270 in West St. Louis County.

Schedule of events - provisional, subject to change.

Wednesday 18th [Endurance Rally](#)

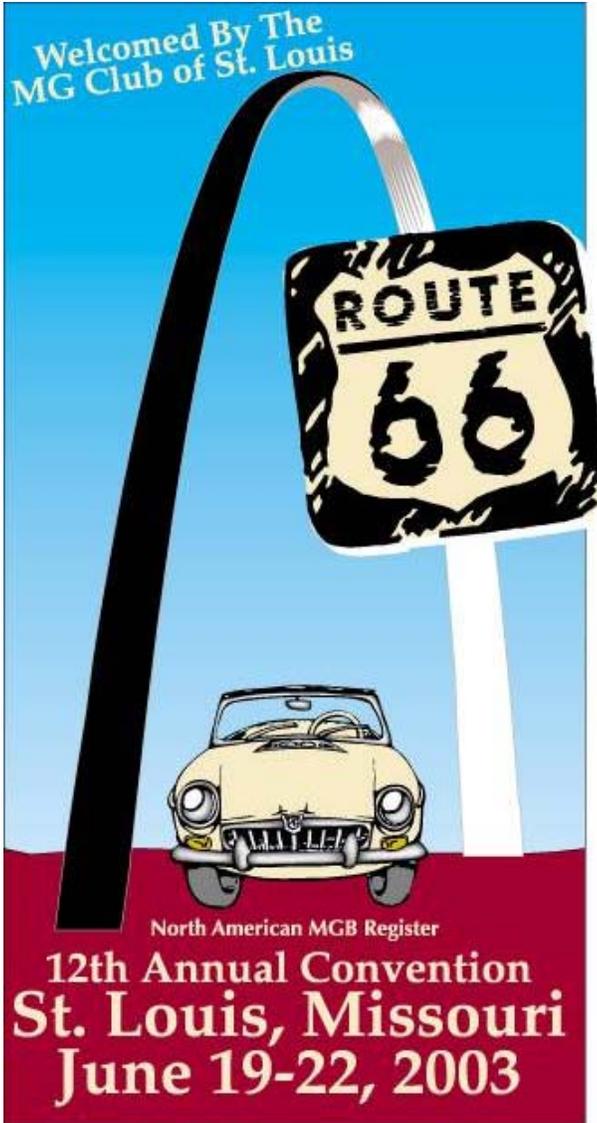
Thursday 19th [Self-Guided Rallies & Tours](#), [Tech Sessions](#), [Gastronomical Bus Tour](#), & [Vendors](#)

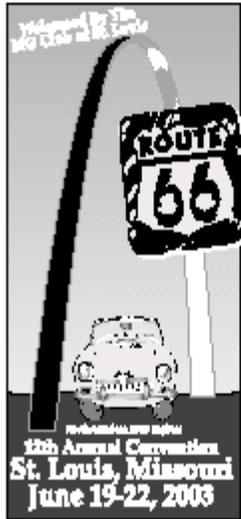
Friday 20th [Tech Sessions](#), [Self-Guided Rallies & Tours](#), [Route 66 Rally-Tour](#), [Gastronomical Bus Tour](#), [BBQ and Party](#), & [Vendors](#)

Saturday 21st [Self-Guided Rallies & Tours](#), [Show in Creve Coeur Park with voting](#), [Awards Banquet with Guest Speaker](#), [Vintage Plane Rides](#), [Valve Cover Races](#), [Photo & Craft Contests](#), & [Vendors](#)

Sunday 22nd Check out and saying good-bye

If you have any questions or would like any further information please email Robert Rushing at mgslime@swbell.net or call the MG Hotline phone number - (314) 995-8664





Join Your Fellow
MG Enthusiasts in centrally
located St. Louis, MO

Wednesday- 6/18/03

Come a day early and be
challenged at the MG2003
Endurance Rallye.
We will be departing at Noon
from the host hotel - on an
extended rallye throughout the
state. Cost: \$25 per car.
Are you ready for it?
Then e-mail Rallyemaster
Robert Rushing
<mgslime@swbell.net>
or call the St. Louis MG Club
HOTLINE: 314-995- TO MG.

Thursday(6/19) & Friday (6/20)

We have scheduled rallyes through the rolling hills of Missouri
Wine Country; "Gastronomical" Bus Tours
through St. Louis' neighborhood eateries; Vendors & Tech
Sessions to run on both days-so you won't miss out on anything!
Friday Afternoon will be a leisurely rallye-tour of the
"MOTHER ROAD"-old Route 66,
with a tour of Rt. 66 State Park. There will be a complimentary
Bar-b-que following the Rallye!

Saturday (6/21)

Our car show will be opposite the lake in beautiful
CREVE COEUR PARK from 9 AM - 2 PM. Popular judging will
be from 11AM -1PM with Concours judging beginning at
10 AM. We will have a "fly-by" by vintage aircraft
with a photo op after the show to place your car
under the wings of a WWII Aircraft.
There also is Valve Cover racing and photo/craft contests as
well. The Awards Banquet will take place during the evening
sunset in the new Lakeside Ballroom.

**Sunday (6/22)
GOOD BYES**

Host Hotel Reservations:

The Sheraton West Port Inn

Lakeside Chalet • 191 West Port Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63146 • (314) 878-1500

Thursday 6-19-03 thru Sunday 6-22-03

Standard Single or Double Rate: \$99. /Room

To Obtain This Rate-Reservation MUST BE MADE BY 5/20/03
Hotel Check-In Time is 3:00 PM -Check Out is Noon

MG 2003

**NAMGBR 12th Annual Convention
Hosted By The MG Club Of St. Louis**

Register On Line: <www.mg2003.com>

or mail this application to:

**JOHN MANGLES 31 Canyon Court,
St. Charles, MO 63303**

MG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

(314) - 995 -TO MG

Print
Name: _____

Address: _____
City, State _____
ZIP _____

Day _____ Eve _____
Ph () _____ Ph () _____

e-mail _____ @ _____
Navigator's
Name: _____

Car No. 1: _____
Marque _____ Model _____

See Below: 3 or more cars will constitute a class- less than 3 will be
added to closest class Year / Class _____

Car No. 2*: _____
Marque _____ Model _____
Year / Class _____

**Please use additional registration forms for additional vehicles*

A: MGB MK I '62-67	F: MGB GT Ctr. Bump '65-74	Q: MGA 1500s - MK II
B: MGB MK II Chr Grill '68-69	J: MGB GT Rub Bump '74-75	R: MGC (GT/RDSR)
C: MGB MK II Recos. Grill '70-72K	MGB V-8 '62-80	S: OTHER MARQUE
D: MGB MK II HC Grill '73-74	L: MG Midget Chr Bump '61-74	BRIT RDST
E: MGB MK III '74.5 - 76	M: MG Midget Rub Bump '75-79	T: OTHER MARQUE
F: MGB MK IV-Early '77-78	N: 1100/1300 All Years	BRIT SEDAN
G: MGB MK IV-Late '79-80	O: MG TT Seates	U: Pre-War +Saloon
H: MGB LTD ED '79-80	P: MGA 1500s	V: Variant

(Visa/MC/Amex Credit Cards Accepted) (Make Checks Payable To: MG2003)

Early Registration PRIOR TO 6/1/03 - \$50. \$ _____
After 6/1/03- \$65 \$ _____

Awards Banquet @ \$25/per person ^{Register Now -} \$ _____
_{Limited Seating!}

Additional Vehicles @ 10 each \$ _____

Number Attending Friday Night B-B-Q No Charge
HELP US PLAN THE BBQ-PLEASE RSVP

Concours Judging -Must be NAMGBR Member @ \$10 \$ _____

"Gastronomical" Bus Tour @ \$8 per person \$ _____

Show T-Shirts @ \$15. (_____) \$ _____
Size (S/M/L/XL (XXL+\$1.00)+Quant

Embroid. Pique Golf Shirts@\$35 ea. \$ _____

(_____) TOTAL\$ _____
Size (S/M/L/XL (XXL+\$1.00)+Quant

Credit Card No. _____

Exp. Date: ____ / ____ Signature: _____

RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED: The applicant & heirs release the North American MGB Register and
the MG Club Of St. Louis from any liability to body, vehicle or property while traveling to and from
and while attending this event.

X _____ X _____

Dear MG Enthusiast:



The Milwaukee & Greatlakes MG Motorcar Group (MGMGMG) is pleased to host GoF Central once again. The 25th edition of The Gathering of the Faithful will be held July 22-24, 2003 in Delavan, Wisconsin. Our host hotel is the newly renovated, 284 room Lake Lawn Resort. This resort is located on 275 wooded acres with over two miles of shoreline on Delavan Lake. Following the completion of their \$12 million renovation in 1999, Lake Lawn has received the Paragon Award for Outstanding Service each year. With all of its amenities, it's sure to please everyone. Our theme this year will focus on Medieval/Elizabethan/Renaissance England so keep that in mind when planning your attire. Tuesday evening's events will be most joyful in period garb and rewarded handsomely. Program details will be included in the confirmation packets to be sent in May. We will drop you a note (email preferably) as soon as we receive your registration so you know it has been received.

Hotel Information:

Lake Lawn Resort • 2400 E. Geneva Street • Delavan, WI • 262-728-7950
 Resort Standard, 1-2 people: \$95 • Loft guest room, up to 4 people: \$145
 Suite, up to 4 people: \$185 • Loft Suite, up to 4 people \$225
 Tax is additional and is currently 13.5% • All rooms have a patio or balcony.

Lake view rooms may be guaranteed for a nominal surcharge.

Reservations may be made by calling 800-338-5253 by June 20, 2003 and referencing GoF Central.

*Mail to: Kristi Mirocha • 2060 Hawthorne Drive • Elm Grove, WI 53122 • Checks payable to MGMGMG - GoF
 Info: 262-786-6763 • mirocha@execpc.com*

Please detach here and mail with payment

Name(s) _____
 (as they are to appear on your badge and in attendance roster)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ email _____

Club Affiliation _____

Car(s) being registered (fill in year, and type under general categories)

_____ Premier-Modern*	_____ Premier-Vintage*	_____ Modified
_____ Variant	_____ TD	_____ TF
_____ TA/TB	_____ MGA	_____ MGB/C
_____ TC	_____ Midget	_____ Pre-War

**Premier = 1st place trophy winner at GoF in past five years.*

Attendees will be asked to select their choice for best concourse/show car and daily driver in each class where applicable.

Trophies will be awarded accordingly. Categories are subject to change based on cars registered by June 10, 2003.

First Timers? _____ (first time for car at GoF) Valve Cover Entry? ___Y ___N

Auction Donation? _____

Agenda of Major Events

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Evening First Timers Car Show
Entertainment
Bonfire

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Morning Car Show & Swap Meet
Valve Cover Racing
Afternoon Tech Sessions
Evening Silent Auction & Special Event

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Morning Rallye/Tour
Afternoon Funkhana/Gymkhana
Steering Committee Meeting
Evening Awards Banquet & Special Event

Silent auction bidding, regalia, and hospitality will be open throughout the event.

Shirt Information *(see logo on reverse)*

Please pre-order as limited shirts will be available on site.

Herringbone Knit Short Sleeve Polo
100% Cotton • Unisex XS - 4XL

White with Navy trim on Collar/Sleeve bands
Stone (cream) w/Black trim
Heather Gray w/Navy trim
\$25

Short Sleeve 3-button Henley
Cotton Jersey • Unisex S - 3XL
Heather Gray • Natural
\$21

Denim/Twill Long Sleeve
Unisex: button down collar, heavyweight fabric
Unisex XS - 4XL
Dk. Blue Stonewashed • Natural
Ladies: women's fit, back pleat, lighter weight fabric • Ladies XS - 2X
Faded Denim • Stone
\$27

FEES:

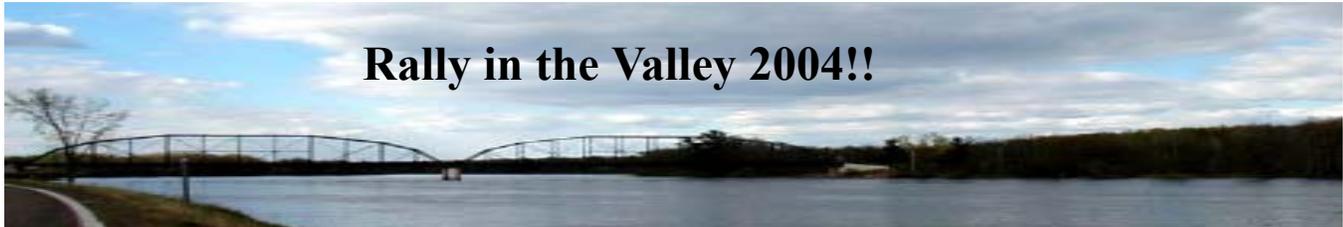
Early Bird registration (before June 10, 2003)	\$35 couple/car	\$ _____
Additional car(s)	\$10 each	\$ _____
Late registration (after June 10, 2003)	\$45 couple/car	\$ _____
Additional car(s)	\$15 each	\$ _____
Thurs. Awards Banquet ___Chicken ___Beef ___Fish	\$35 each	\$ _____
Shirts: (fill in quantity and color in each size; color abbreviations listed in each category)		\$ _____
Polo: ___XS ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL ___XXXL ___XXXXL @ \$25 each	colors: wh, st, gr	
Henley: ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL ___XXXL @ \$21 each	colors: gr, nat	
Lg. Slv: ___XS ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL ___XXXL ___XXXXL @ \$27ea.	colors: bl, nat	
Lg. Slv Ladies: ___XS ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL @ \$27each	colors: fd, st	
Swap Table	\$10	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Comments/Requests: _____

Greetings MG Enthusiasts

Submitted by MMGG Members Steve and Diane Rindt

While defining our driving event for "Rally In the Valley 2003", we found some GREAT stops for this year's event. We also discovered an excellent location to stage next year's "Rally in the Valley 2004". The Resort Hotel "Paradise Shores" situated on beautiful Lake Holcombe. The Resort is very exclusive but it has limited capacity, 43 rooms. (We are looking into alternative lodging once these rooms are filled.)



The weekend available at Paradise Shores is July 23rd & 24th 2004. A two night minimum stay is required and a deposit of one-night's room (\$94.90) when you make your reservation.

You can cancel your reservations if you find you can't go, as long as you do it by June 23rd, 2004.

The itinerary is still in the planning stage; here is what we have so far:

Check in time on Friday July 23rd is at 3:00pm; join us for a short Rally late that afternoon with a stop that will include supper in the beautiful Holcombe area. Saturday there will be a Rally that will take us for a scenic drive through North Western Wisconsin countryside and bring us to "The Famous Al Capone's Hide Out" in Hayward. After the tour at the Hide Out, we will have a fantastic dinner at their restaurant. Then return to Paradise Shores to enjoy "all that they have to offer".

See sneak preview of Paradise Shores www.paradiseshores.com &
Al Capone's Hideout www.alcaponehideout.com on the web.

Check out the Web Site for "Rally in the Valley" at:
<http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com/guests/ritv/ritv2003.html>

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US IN 2004 FOR A GREAT TIME !!

Send us e-mail at sdrindt@msn.com or
mail to us at **4271 North Shore Drive Eau Claire, WI 54703**

Yes include us in your plans and update us with information as it unfolds.

(You will need to contact Paradise Shores **now** and make your reservations. Tell them you are with the MMGG for July 23rd & 24th of 2004)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Tech Tip!

Syncros vs. Brakes

Back in the 50's almost all vehicle manufactures were enjoying the performance and horsepower race. And they were very good at it. In fact many had cars that would easily exceed 100 MPH. Some even above 130 MPH. Unfortunately they were still using brakes designed for 50 MPH. I was driving back in those days and can, with experience, tell you it's a real thrill to have the brake pedal get hard as a rock, yet seem unconnected to the wheels during a panic stop from 100 MPH. This happened when the car had only decelerated down to about 70. Leaving me no option but to steer violently to miss traffic and other ominous obstacles. I wish I had a video of that incident. It would rival any Nascar on board video you see on TV. But back to the tech tip.

Common practice with any performance car back then was to save the brakes. Downshifting was used a lot. Saving the brakes for emergencies and last minute stopping. Although the first disc brakes were some improvement they had their limits too, because they weren't vented and had pitifully small brake pads. Plus they were difficult to work on. At any rate down shifting was common for quite awhile.

But then about the same time as the 55 MPH speed limit came along, all manufactures came out with disc brakes capable of handling 130 MPH stops. Figures huh?

The problem is, these brakes need to be **USED** to keep them free and working properly. The "Little ol Lady driving" is a guarantee for sticking calipers and uneven and premature pad wear. This "Little ol Lady" syndrome can be duplicated by over use of a downshifting driving habit.

Disc brakes from the 60's and up are fairly easy and cheap to work on, while the transmission synchronizer repairs are very expensive. So downshift once in awhile if it makes you feel good. But for

basic stop and go driving, use the brakes. Even use them quite hard every now and then.

Doctor Ernie

Tech Tips are provided by Ernie and Rhea West, proprietors of Dead Lake Motors. Dead Lake Motors is located 13 miles southwest of Perham, Minnesota. Ernie and Rhea can be reached at erwest@arvig.net or by calling 218-758-3344. If using email, identify yourself on the subject line of your note or it may get deleted as junk mail.

MMGG Now Has Message Group on Yahoo

Submitted by MMGG Member Joe Olson

A message group has been opened for the MMGG at <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/MMGG/>.

What's that? It's a way for MMGG members to communicate with other members of the group about matters of general interest. You post a message and anyone who visits the site can read it. Members of the site can post responses to your post. And so forth. It's a great communication tool.

For example, last Fall I found a source in indoor heated parking spaces at a decent price. They had 14 spaces. I took one and posted the information on the Minnesota Triumph's message board (the MG's had none then) and other LBC owners were able to get the same deal.

Because communication is widespread and quick, the board can be used to enhance informal activities. If you decide on Tuesday that you want to go touring through the byways of Wisconsin on Saturday but prefer to do so in the company of other LBS's, you can post a message to that effect on the Board. Anyone who visits the Board can contact you and bingo, you've got an outing going.

Hope to see you posting at <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/MMGG/>.

Calendar of Events

Let's have some fun!

Editors comments: This calendar will be continually modified and updated. The MMGG club is working closely with other British car clubs on a variety of activities. You are encouraged to attend any car club event.

- April 26, 2003 **Tech Session at Midwest Motor Sports.** More details to come. Similar to last year but without snow. Contact Dan Iberg at 320-252-0598 or [www.danielmms@aol.com](mailto:danielmms@aol.com).
- May 16-18, 2003 **Donnybrooke Vintage Revival.** Sponsored by Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) in Brainerd, Mn. Contact Rich or Liz Stadther at 651-698-1981 or www.vscr.org. See further information in the March issue of the Gazette.
- May 18, 2003 **Intermarque Spring Banquet and Car Show.** Hosted by the Intermarque Council. Details to follow.
- May 24, 2003 **Drive, Picnic, and Tour of Historic Octagon House** in Hudson, Wisc. More details next month. Hosts Tom and June Moerke 715-386-5341.
- May 24 to June 1, 2003 **British Car Week.** You are suppose to drive your car everyday this week. Just do it!
- June 5-8, 2003 **The Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous.** Annual rendezvous will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Canada. The 2002 event was great! Plan on attending. More information as it becomes available. For now contact Roger Rickards, 807-473-4882, email miniowners@sympatico.ca or visit the web site at www.tbvscc.ca.
- June 19-22, 2003 **MG2003** North American MGB Register, St. Louis, MO. More information at www.british-cars.org.uk/kimber/nambr.
- June 19-22, 2003 **MSRA Back to the 50's.** Held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Falcon Heights, Mn. Mostly American cars and street rods, but some British. Good show! For more information www.msra.com.
- June 20-22, 2003 **Silverstone, England.** Some MMGG members are going to the races in Silverstone. Then be tourists. Interested? Contact Elena Pierce 651-777-8088.
- July 5, 2003 **Vintage Voyagers "Original" Blast from the Past Car Show.** Held in Chetek, Wisconsin (73.0 miles from Hudson). Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. Starts at 9:00 am and you can enjoy food, crafts, music and a great car show with a foreign car class! Following the car show join Steve and Diane for a scenic drive through North Western Wisconsin to the supper destination, "Foster's River View Inn" for a Prime Rib and Seafood buffet. Head home from there or stay the night at Country Inn & Suites in Chippewa Falls (715-720-1414). Tell them you are with the MMGG for the special room rate of \$72.00. Make your reservations by June 5th. Contact Steve and Diane for more information. 715-832-8316 or sdrindt@msn.com.
- July 14-18, 2003 **GT28** North American MGA Register Get Together, Welches, Oregon. Hosted by the Columbia Gorge MGA Club. Info: Pat & Kenny Snyder 360-263-4047; Mark Hadley 503-771-7576 or markhadley@aol.com, or www.british-cars.org.uk/kimber/namgar.
- July 22-24, 2003 **GOF Central** hosted by the Milwaukee & Greatlakes MG Motorcar Group (MGMGMG) in Delavan, Wi. (SE corner of Wisc.). The 25th year Gathering Of the Faithful. Host hotel is the newly renovated Lake Lawn Resort. For more information call Kristi Mirocha at 262-786-6763 or email her at mirocha@execpc.com.

- July 26, 2003 **Rally in the Valley**, a.k.a. Chippewa Falls Road Trip. Kicks off in Chippewa Falls Wisconsin (72.0 miles from Hudson). Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. Join us in a tour of the Legendary Leinenkugel Brewery. Then enjoy a good old-fashioned Poker Run as we twist and turn our way through the beautiful back roads of Wisconsin to our dinner destination. Prizes will be awarded. Head home from there or stay the night for Natter & Nogging at the AmericInn Motel in Chippewa Falls (715-723-5711). Tell them you are with the MMGG for the special room rate of \$89.10 & make your reservations by June 26th. Contact Steve & Diane for more information (sdrindt@msn.com) or call (715-832-8316). Also see the following web site address: <http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com/guests/ritv/ritv2003.html>
- August 9, 2003 **Ellingson's Swap Meet and Car Show**. Ellingson;s Auto Museum, I-94 and highway 101 in Rogers, Minnesota. Hosted by MMGG members Phil and Darcy Vanner; Jim and Cindy Pennoyer; Brian and Jennifer McCullough. This might become an Intermarque event. More detail as it becomes available.
- August 21-24, 2003 **Road America 500, the American Le Mans Series**. At Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin. See their web site at www.roadamerica.com.
- September 6, 2003 **Wheels and Wings**. Osceola, Wisconsin. Hosted by Jerry and Nancy Strand. Always a good time. Plan to attend. Call Jerry at 715-386-5930 for more info.
- September 12, 2003 **North St. Paul Car Show** and "Pierce's" Bar and Grill. Meet in downtown North St. Paul anytime after 5 P.M. Plenty of food vendors on the street, plus local restaurants. Bring your lawn chair. Later continue the gathering at Elena Pierce's home. Call Elena for information at 651-777-8088.
- September 19-21, 2003 **Elkhart Lake Vintage Fall Festival** presented by VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association). Featured marquee not available at this time. See the VSCDA web site for more information (www.vscda.org).
- September 26-28, 2003 **British Automobile Owners Association of Albuquerque Rendezvous** in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Host hotel is the historic Plaza Hotel (800-328-1882). Call now to reserve your room. For further information and registration for contact Kevin Kittle at 505-345-4207
- October 4, 2003 **Fall Colour Tour**.
- November 15, 2003 **Annual Business Meeting**.
- January 24, 2004 **Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction**. Hosted by Phyllis and Keith Galberth and Jim and Cindy Pennoyer. More details later.
- July 23 & 24, 2004 **Ralley in the Valley, 2004**. Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt, stay two days at Paradise Shores, enjoying the resort, driving beautiful country roads, visiting Al Capone's Hide Out in Hayward, Wisconsin and of course, enjoying good food and friends. **Call NOW** to make your reseverations at Paradise Shores, 1-800-657-4512. Let them know you are with the MMGG for July 23 and 24, 2004. Sneak preview of Paradise Shores at www.paradiseshores.com and Al Capone's Hideout at www.alcaponehideout.com. Contact Steve or Diane at sdrindt@msn.com) or call (715-832-8316) for more information. Also see the following web site: <http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com/guests/ritv/ritv2003.html>.

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REGALIA UPDATE

We now have a web site to view all the merchandise available for our club to purchase. The web site address is **amaril.com**. We are currently looking at polo shirts, including some special requests for different colors to match owners' cars. On the web site, under the Tri-Mountain Collection, you will find three styles we are going to start taking orders for. I will be placing an order in the middle of March. The styles are 102, 105 and 106. There are 16 colors to choose from. There are a few shirt colors that our logo will not look good on. I have left this up to the professionals making our shirts to decide which ones need to be altered to different colors for our logo. I will let you know in advance if you would be affected by this. The prices will be what are advertised on the web plus \$5.00 for logo and \$3.00 for name. I'll always have them round off to the even dollar so I don't have to deal with change. If you have any questions please call me.

Rich Leslie at **763-754-2965**

Club Equipment Available

Our MG club has some excellent equipment for club member use. Dick Wallrich at Park Bus/Columbia Transit Company in St. Paul keeps our welders, engine hoist, pressure washer and tent. His telephone number is 651/644-1100. Our bullhorns, overhead projector and microphones/amps are available through Jerry Strand at 715/386-5930. For specifics, please refer to previous newsletters, our website or call for details.

For Sale.....Wanted.....Misc.

Kind of classified rules: Minnesota MG Group members ads will run free for three months, unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or run them longer. The month/year the ad was placed is in italics below the ad. Commercial Ads as follows: Business Card—\$10.00 issue; 1/4 page—\$20.00 issue; 1/2 page—\$30.00 issue; full page—N/A. All commercial ads must run a minimum of 6 months and must be paid in advance. Send to Jon Masley, 3599 Gershwin Court North, Oakdale, Mn. 55128-3044 or jdmasley@yahoo.com. Make checks payable to the MMGG.

Wanted: I would like to talk to anyone who has had any experience buying a car on e-bay. Call Jeff at 651-735-0780. Or e-mail: geoffreyhalston@usfamily.net
February, 2003

For Sale: 1971 MGB Roadster, 20+ year owner, flame red, driven 10,000 miles since 1982, wire wheels, very good condition, solid body, reliable and well above average mechanically. \$6150.
Dave at 763-546-2173
February, 2003

FOR SALE: 1957 MGA Roadster Excellent driver or resto candidate. 1200 miles on complete major engine overhaul by Quality Coaches. Approx 10,000 miles on new transmission, brakes. Red Paint is faded. Frame not rusty. No visible body rust-through. I have owned and driven this car for 9 years, but won't get around to restoring it. It comes with all parts to convert to wires plus a set of new interior panels and carpets, plus some other small spares. \$8249. Tony Lowe Home 952-922-7843 or Work 952-937-4529
February, 2003

For Sale: 1970 MGB Roadster. Completely restored and ready to drive. Dependable, fast, over-drive. All new or rebuilt. Bronze yellow with a black top. \$7,000.
Chris Sorenson at 320-259-1919
April, 2003

For Sale: 1959 MGA Roadster. I purchased this car 20 years ago and it has been sitting ever since. It is in rough shape but one piece. I also have a 1800 MGB engine that I picked up along the way. \$2,000 for the MGA. Make me an offer on the MGB engine. Mike Guthrie in Red Wing, Minnesota. 1-651-388-8118 or email at guthrie@redwing.net.
March, 2003

FOR SALE: 1987 Jaguar XJ-6 Series III Last year pre-Ford. 99,000 miles on completely original not-monkeyed-with car. Less than 10,000 on brakes and tires. I've driven it for 6 years with no trouble. Dark metallic green paint, camel colored leather and English walnut in fine condition. Florida car. No salt, sea or sun. Very little rust. The car is only \$8199.
Tony Lowe Home 952-922-7843 or Work 952-937-4529
February, 2003

For Sale: 1964 MGB Roadster, green w/black seats, 144,000 miles, bought in California, no rust, chrome wire wheels, luggage rack, needs some work. \$5,300 or BO.
Darla Vashro 952-832-0140
April, 2003

For Sale: 1979 MGB Roadster, maroon w/tan seats, 97,000 miles, bought in Arizona, no rust, good mechanicals. \$5,600 or BO.
Darla Vashro 952-832-0140
April, 2003

For Sale: 1974 MGB-GT with usual rust, a good interior, not run for 8 years and burned oil then. A parts car or for restoring. \$300.
Call Dale Paterson 715-549-6067
March, 2002

MMGG Technical Advisors

The following people have expressed a willingness to answer questions and offer advice about these cars. Take them up on their offer.

Triple-M - Lew Palmer 651/436-7401

T-types - Bob Figenskau 952/935-7909

MGA - Mike Hirschman 763/391-5769

MGB - Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

Midgets - Brian McCullough 651/462-0145

Bodywork - Open

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The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. MG car ownership is not necessary to be a member of the Minnesota MG Group. Membership is \$30.00. The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining after August 31st of any given year shall be granted membership for the remainder of that year and the next year as well. Use this form to join or renew your membership.

Please complete this form, write out a check for \$30.00 and mail to:

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